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Believe it or not, the Bent Rim Bugle (BRB) is now entering its 15th year of publication. Its older than the MMBA itself, and IMBA for that matter.

And even though many years have wobbled by, the passion for mountain biking in the Great Lakes State has remained the focus. So, while this issue might look a little different, under the anno, it's still the same.

For as long as I can remember, Dwain has kept the BRB wheels turning. Now he's passed the torch to me, but unfortunately I have a closet full of torches. **So, if you're interested in publishing this newsletter (or you know of someone who would) please contact me.** Commercial proposals are also welcomed. My phone number is (248) 288-3753.

P.S. Thanks to everyone who helped make this issue possible!

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The Future of Pontiac Lake

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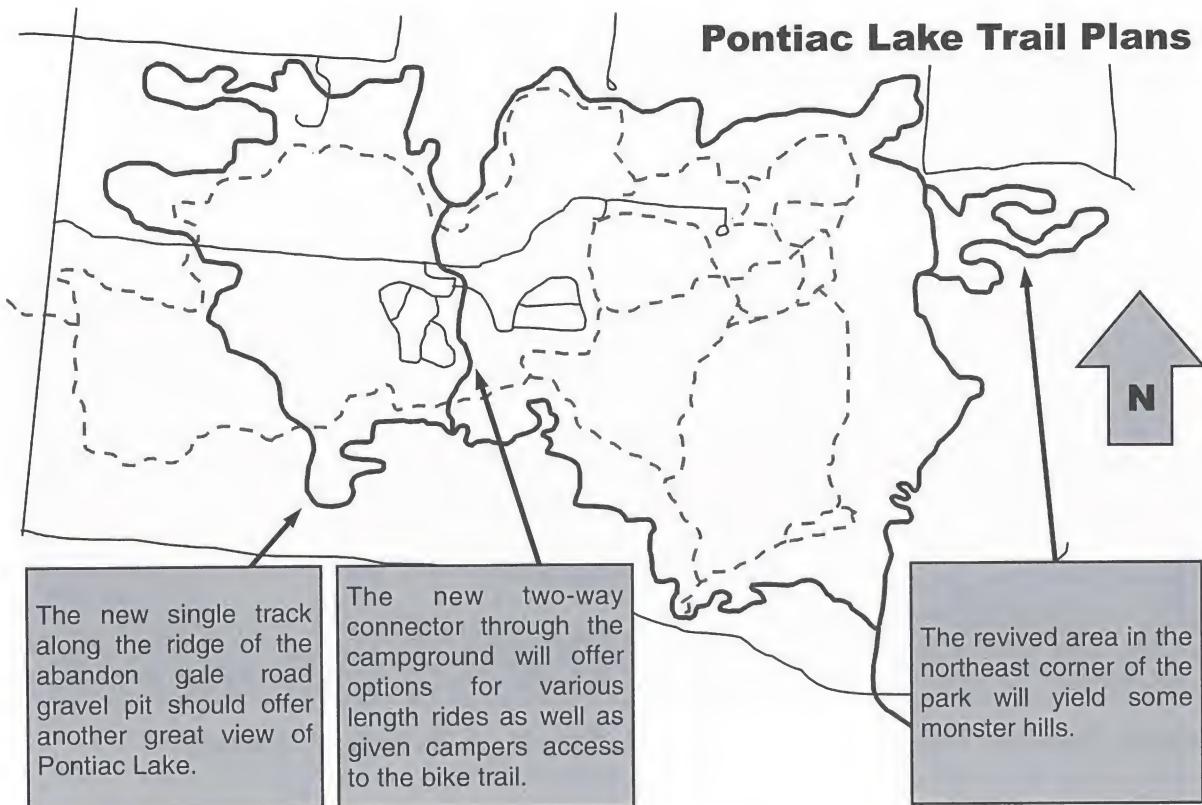
If you have ridden Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area since October of this year, you probably have noticed the changes beginning to take place. Your MMBA volunteers have been assisting the DNR with the "trail segregation" project, which was originally proposed in October of 1999. We kicked off the project with an IMBA trail building seminar in August this year and since that time have logged over 1500 hours.

The future trail system will completely separate the horse and bike trails and will limit the number of crossings. The new bike trail will consist of approximately 12+ miles and have two distinct loops. As we divide the trail, we are also rerouting the badly eroded and erosion prone areas. This has proven to be no easy task. Trail sections that are being closed will be completely re-vegetated. This involves installing check dams, backfilling and replanting native vegetation. Although this activity takes about twice the effort of cutting new trail, the results are amazing and it shows the DNR that we are not only concerned about riding sweet single track, but also care about our natural resources as well.

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**The 2001 MMBA Rock Shox Annual Meeting is Feb. 4th.
See Page 21 for Details.**

**ROCK
SHOX**



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Our objective for the new bike loop is to construct a sustainable trail while maintaining the fast and rough character associated with Pontiac Lake. I've heard a couple of comments like, "the new trail is too easy" after we have rerouted a few of the badly eroded climbs this fall. I will assure you the new system will be more challenging.

Those who have ridden since November have now experienced the new 750' climb just before campground hill. There is more of that to come. Two new areas noted above will include some breathtaking hills. We will be laying out these new sections during the winter when the terrain reveals all of its potential.

Look for the Pontiac Lake booth at the annual meeting. We have some 28 work days planned for 2001 and will also be rewarding all those who helped this year.

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An Interview with Pro Racer Kelli Emmett

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When it was time for young Kelli Emmett to get her first bike, her mom brought home the typical girls' bike -- pretty paint job, banana seat, and handlebar streamers. Even then, the young girl had her sights set on the higher-performance bikes, and she persuaded her mother to exchange the "princess bike" for a shiny red BMX model.

Ms. Emmett has come a long way since that first bicycle, but her thirst for adventure and excitement continues to this day. The Western Michigan University senior has earned a string of impressive victories at the state and national levels. MMBA race-goers will recall that Kelli smoked the field at the Iceman Cometh Race in Traverse City. She also won the UCI Amateur World Cup in Vail, Colorado, and more recently, was named the 2000 National Collegiate Cross-Country Champion, after her victory in Sand Point, Idaho.

Kelli Emmett is extremely busy these days, having just signed a two-year racing deal with GT, but she graciously agreed to an MMBA interview:

MMBA: What was the race like at Sand Point? Did you feel confident during the race?

K. Emmett: The Sand Point course was really awesome! Lots of climbing and great descending. It was a good course for me. I did have a bit of a mechanical in the beginning; I had to get off and run through a section, and the chain got caught between the chainstay and the front chain rings. I was really nervous at that point because I thought that I was out. Karen Burnholdt at that time gained about a minute on me. I was getting time splits and I thought, "No way can I catch her." I was also feeling really slow that day. I had raced the short track the day before and I couldn't get going. But on the third lap, I decided that I wasn't going to lose this race and kicked it in. Luckily, I caught her (Burnholdt) and was able to put some time on her. It was one of my greatest memories ever!



Iceman Photos Update

Getting the pictures from this year's Iceman race up on the web has taken a bit longer than expected. Check www.icemanphoto.com for the latest updates.

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MMBA: You must be very excited at signing on to the GT Racing Team. Tell me what that's like. Who are some of your new teammates that you'll be working with?

K. Emmett: I am very excited and honored to ride with GT next season. I can't wait for next year to begin. So far, it has been really great support for me. I'm still not used to calling up and asking for stuff. I keep offering to pay, but they won't take my money! I'm currently working with team manager Dean Golich, who is a great source of training information. My teammates for next year will be Alison Dunlap,

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downhillers Steve Peat and Eric Carter, and cross-country rider Raul Paullisson. I also know that Brian Lopes will be riding a GT and will have some affiliation with the team.

MMBA: What were you riding prior to signing on with GT, and what bikes do you expect to be riding next year?

K. Emmett: I rode for Litespeed, and used a Tocca with XTR components, Cane Creek wheels, and headset. It was pretty "Guccied Out". I really enjoyed that bike! My next year racing rig will be the GT Zaskar. I actually have one right now. I received it last month, and I love it! It is very light and fast. I will also have the I-drive, which is their full suspension cross-country bike, and a road bike. I am not sure what road bike yet, but I'm sure I'll dig it, no matter what!

MMBA: Do you follow a specific dietary regimen during the training/racing season?

K. Emmett: Yes, I do eat pretty healthy. I just try to eat more veggies, lean meat, and complex carbohydrates. I also try to eat a low fat diet but I have been known to eat my share of sweets. Oh! I'm sorry! Did you want any of that cake? I didn't mean to eat the whole thing.

MMBA: Where is the "coolest" place you've ever ridden your mountain bike, so far?

K. Emmett: I don't think that there is just one

cool place to ride, so I'll have to give you a few: The Lake Tahoe area is awesome. Unlimited riding right from town, but you'll need to find a local by the name of John Hotop to show you all the hidden trails. Another is Pisgah National Forest in Ashville, North Carolina. Finally, Crested Butte, Colorado. Wicked altitude and gnarly descents!

MMBA: If you could travel anywhere in the world just to ride for fun, where would you go?

K. Emmett: Cost Rica. I haven't been there yet, but I have heard that it has wonderful riding. If I couldn't make it down south, then Michigan would be my second choice!

MMBA: What are your plans for the future?

K. Emmett: Gosh, I'm not sure yet! Right now, I'm just focusing on finishing up school and getting ready to leave for Colorado next month.

MMBA: Any advice for aspiring young racers out there?

K. Emmett: Succeeding in sports has shown me how to go after my dreams and live out my passion. Live your passion! Go for it!

Good luck with the 2001 racing season, Kelli. It's great to see a rising star coming out of Michigan, and we're all very proud of you.

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Group Rides are Fun

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I think most riders will agree that riding with others is fun. But that's about all they agree on. Everybody had a different idea on what makes a group ride fun, depending on their skill level and goal. I've been on two types of group rides, and they both have their merits.

The first type is the FFG ride. The slower riders who can't keep up are dropped. I think this is a great training strategy and you will get faster trying to keep up with a pack of FFG's. Trust me on this. I've been dropped by FFG's in 5 states and I am faster than I was last year (fast being a relative term here.) But it's not a good experience for new riders. And most women don't like the pressure of trying to keep up or be dropped. My worst nightmare is a ride with me and 6 FFG's. It's no fun for them waiting for me, and it's no fun for me trying to keep up.

The second type of ride is the fun ride. This requires some ground rules and cooperation. First you need a pack of FFG's, some regular fast riders, and someone willing to stay with the slower riders. The group generally breaks up into 3 distinct packs: FFG's, the middle pack, and the social riders. More women (pay attention, men) are comfortable with this type of ride because they aren't pressured to keep up. The MMBA women's rides are a good example of the fun group ride.

The FFG's ride in front and don't stop. This keeps the racers types happy because they can make it a training ride. The competition is fierce and the riders go at 110%. Now I never actually ride with the FFG's, but I do hear the stories. I attended a group ride this summer at Island Lake with about 40 riders (about a dozen FFGs) and lots of carnage. Merlin told me he was doing 22 MPH and with his tongue hanging out and the

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pack was still gaining on him. Then two of the FFG's tangled and went down, trashing a frame. Jim crashed and broke his collarbone, probably trying to keep up with the FFG's. Someone told me it was the best crash they ever saw. Exciting stuff goes on in the front.

The middle pack is formed by the regular fast riders and the guys who manage to keep up with the FFG for a few miles. They may stop and wait for the slower riders, or not (optional.) They have fun competing among themselves.

The social pack is comprised of new riders, slow riders, and women. I like to have an official sweeper, someone who knows the trail, can perform minor mechanical repairs, and will stay in the back. The social pack adjusts its speed to the slowest rider. We gossip, stop at the top of hills, and take our time. Walk up a hill? No problem. Walk anything you're uncomfortable riding. No pressure back here. Many new riders start out in the social pack, learn a few skills, gain some conditioning, and move up.

Both types of rides have their strong points. I like the fun rides because I'm slow and not very competitive. What makes a ride fun for you? Post it on the MMBA bulletin board and we'll explore the topic.

Ride with FFG's,
Gadget

[Editor: FFG = Freakin' Fast Guys, more or less]



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Trail Trivia

The Stony Creek Metropark two-track was originally the Elizabeth Sheldon Estate bridle trails. Ms. Sheldon was a famous benefactor, contributing over a million dollars to the DIA. Coincidentally, she was unrelated to the nearby Sheldon road, hence the different spelling. Mount Sheldon is not the highest point in Macomb County — all the trails are in Oakland County!



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The Adventure 1986 - 2001

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Most of Thanksgiving Day at the in-laws, I absentmindedly watched the holiday TV fanfare of sporting events where mountain bikes were being carried on, put in and generally celebrated to the benefit of every car company in the free world**. Later that night, I fumbled with a copy of Mature Living that happened to be lying on the desk next to my bed for the holiday weekend. A byline read, "author is a retired legislative assistant in CA. Her hobbies are gardening, traveling and mountain biking." Can you believe it? It was an article in Mature Living Magazine and the author's hobby was mountain biking!

Everybody from fortune 500 companies to senior age writers are capitalizing on mountain biking. Well, everyone but the bike industry. Their figures say sales are flat. Sometimes, I think they need to kick the old "sales figures machine" to see if sales are really flat or if the needle's just stuck....

Don't get me wrong, I think that is just great. Darn hopeful, I guess. But when I started this adventure called mountain biking, back in the mid-eighties, I couldn't have conceived of the term mountain biking being uttered by anyone but a few muddled souls who were labeled as "different" as far back as when they were in kindergarten. Mountain biking back then (80's) seemed to be the adventure of choice of individuals who never took to mainstream sports like football, baseball, softball, cheerleading or even hockey. Today, I guess mountain biking is as common as dimpled balloons in Florida. You can "interpret" mountain biking any way you want but it all comes down to one thing I guess, what it does for people. From a grade-school kid who just cleared his first log to a hobby for someone who writes for people who read "Mature Living" (I wasn't reading it mind you...just fumbling through it for the bylines and discount offers to warmer climates for the winter....no really I was....and don't make any cracks about how maturely (slowly) I ride either, Jason...).

Ultimately, I am writing this because I will be starting a new adventure soon that is quite different from the

mountain biking one I've been on for the last 15 years. After writing for the Bent Rim Bugle in the 80's, when it was still in the hands of Bonnie Alsum, Steve Pruitt and Craig Stutsky, and then getting more involved with the mountain biking world with Dennis Hansen (Author of the Trail Atlas of Michigan), destiny would have it that I ended up as a founding member of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association along with John Dohan and Peter O'Rourke (lawyers from the Detroit area.) The rest is history and a lot of work. A lot of work.

Please don't interpret this as "burn out", I'm not burned out. My engine still has a lot of good miles left to go, it's just that over the course of this adventure there hasn't been a whole lot of gas available (cost of living wage - financial support and division of labor) to keep the tank full, so the engine could do its work. In fact, many times there has been absolutely no gas (support) available, but I was still self-empowered to keep things going. What kept me going for over 14

years working on mountain biking? ----- the auto companies? copies of Mature Living? riding like a kid jumping over logs? Actually, none of the above. It was you. All those of you reading this. I have a lot of "thank you's" to note, but I am not sure that there is enough room in this issue of the BRB to do that, for it would truly fill this issue and then some. However, at the risk of missing someone, and I will apologize here and now for anyone whom I might miss, I must thank some

key supporters of the MMBA who allowed me to do my work.

One of my biggest and most dynamic supporters of anything positive I've done for mountain biking over the last decade and then some has been Christina, my wife. Since I took over production of the BRB back in the early 90's, each and every BRB could not have come out without her help. I write a little and even sometimes arrange things to fit on the page half-way decent, but I am not an editor. Nor is Christina, but she's got a better eye for making sentences coherent

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***It should be noted that Subaru is a leader in the celebration and support of mountain biking activities throughout the country and in Michigan has helped support the MMBA for over three years. Thanks!*



Dwain... Hidden amongst the bulk mail bags of BRB's and meeting boxes... Could there be a bike here somewhere?
His change of plans will hopefully include more riding.

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and words at least spelled close to right (not "write", Thanks Christina) than I could have every done alone. Christina also kept the house payment, taxes and bills paid on time so the MMBA could have an "office", which used to be our third bedroom. She (and my son) gave up hundreds of weekend so that I could travel to meetings, events and races to work the needs of the MMBA, spread the word on the MMBA's mission and goals to mountain bikers, promoters, land managers and other trail users. Christina and my son also help me lift literally tons of BRB's transporting them to the post office for mailing and put on tens of thousands of mailing labels. I could not write enough words to thank her and if by her sacrifice and support of my advocacy work I was able to attend one meeting that made a difference for the future we now enjoy, then you owe her too. We

all do, thank you Christina, thank you very much.

Others? You bet, like Dennis Hansen, John Dohan, Tom Nell, Mike Clark, Steve Pruitt, Bonnie Alsum, Craig Stutsky, Dan Clark, Bud Pell, Gordon Allen, Robin Scurr, Jim Hasenauer and Tim Blumenthal (IMBA), Carl Birklebach (RIDE/IMBA), Scott Frey and Rita Nygren (WORBA), Castelli Publications - Ron Hoort, Niki Hoort and Kelly Meyers, Jason Jones (out going president of the MMBA) and all the MMBA board members throughout the history of the MMBA.... whoa-boy... here we go. I'm just setting myself up to miss someone whom I should really, really thank...please forgive me, I should have started wearing a helmet much, much soon than I did....

Ultimately, these are the individuals who supported me wherever I went and through whatever was required of the MMBA. As the executive

director of the MMBA it was a given that I went to more meetings than riders at the Iceman. Then, once I was at the meeting(s), I said to DNR and National Forest Service managers, "Yes, we can do it." With crossed fingers I left and prayed that our MMBA leaders and volunteers would do what I had promised. You know what? For the most part, MMBA volunteers have always delivered more than they (or I) promised. Sometimes way more! Behind the many hundreds of meetings, dozens of issues of the BRB, thousands and thousands of phone calls and thousands and thousands of personal contacts I made at CABDA shows, IMBA events, bikes shops, MMBA events, celebrations, races, etc. were volunteers like you. You empowered my spirit to carry the mission statement of the MMBA from one end of the trail to other. If you were an MMBA member who said here's \$22.00 bucks and some of my time to help - I thank you. I personally thank the volunteers on behalf of anyone who has met the trail on their mountain bike. I was proud to serve you.

What of the future?

Personally, I will be taking some time off from direct MMBA advocacy. I must address some issues that have been put on the back burner for far too long. The MMBA will continue to have my financial support and eventually a return to volunteer activity. I also hope to do some consultant work on advocacy issues, but if you see me it will most likely be on the trail.....perhaps a trail that was opened during my involvement with the MMBA, but I never got the chance to ride.

For the MMBA, my personal belief is that the MMBA must remain "at the table." For the last 11+ years

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MMBA Job Posting

The Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) has an opening for a full time professional EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The MMBA is a non-profit organization that promotes responsible mountain biking, while working towards the goals of common land access and natural resource protection through the interaction with policy makers, the cycling industry, race promoters, mountain bikers and other trail users.

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I've endeavored to be at the "table" where land management decisions are made and represent the concerns of the MMBA members, as well as build relationships with all other trail and forest users. I believe that this commitment to communication and building relationships for the MMBA over the last decade is the reason why you are riding on a public trail today. In some cases, the only reason. Without a strong leadership roll, the work of MMBA volunteers, and your donations to the MMBA, our efforts to effect the trail community will not have the desired outcome. To care for the trail, as noble as this selfless act is by our volunteers all across the state, is not the end of advocacy but merely the beginning. Decisions about your local trail that you love to ride are not made at the trail-head, they are made in buildings very remote from where your tire meets the trail. Without a strong, committed and consistent presence at regional, state and national management forums, your work on the trail is like a tree falling in the woods with no one to hear it. If your local trail concerns and achievements are not represented for you where the decision making process takes place (regional, state and national level) then, no matter how hard you work your efforts may be in vain.

Support your MMBA Chapter president with your work on the trail, then empower him or her with your membership and donations to take your efforts to the regional, state and perhaps even the national level where it will have the greatest impact.

In the decade (plus) that I've been a member of the MMBA Statewide Board I've learned one thing, someone can always do something to help. They just need to roll up their sleeves and contribute. Take a look at your sleeves. Are they rolled up or down? If you know how to make the MMBA better, why aren't your sleeves rolled up? I challenge each of you to give a year to the MMBA. Take your vision for riding and share it with others. It is your vision of the future that will connect you and all of us with the rich past of mountain biking in Michigan, not commercials, not "dew" ads and not bylines in "mature" publications.

One of the current examples to follow is Tim Collins and the Pontiac Lake Chapter of the MMBA. Many individuals not friendly to mountain biking and multi-use trails had a vision of closing down Pontiac Lake to mountain biking, but Tim and the Pontiac Lake Chapter volunteers had a different vision and backed it up with hundreds of hours of work. Instead of finding themselves off the trail they are now building one of the best trail systems in the Midwest. As I step aside, there are others poised to help visualize the future of mountain biking on the MMBA Board. Such as Todd Scott who is one of the most dynamic regional leaders

the MMBA has seen in along time. With volunteer support, the Southeast Chapter of the MMBA is opening up new trails encircling the Detroit metro area with ribbons of fun. Terry Ritter is committed to the MMBA Championship Points Series and this year it looks like the MMBA CPS will again provide a diversity of venues, as well as secure resources for trail care in 2001. There are others too, look for them...their sleeves are rolled up and they are working for you everyday to keep the trails open and cared for.

In closing, thank you once again for the privilege of serving and working with all of the MMBA volunteers, land mangers, trail organizations sponsors and individuals in helping to keep the forest trails cared for and open for the adventure of mountain biking.

There are no small adventures, just small expectations. I was expecting a lot when I got into the mountain biking, and I got a lot more than I ever expected with the MMBA.

Thanks, Dwain

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May 20	<i>Addison Oaks Spring Classic</i>	Addison Oaks Park / Leonard, MI	Oakland County Parks (248) 858-4647
June 17	<i>Whiskey Creek</i>	Whiskey Creek Resort / Custer, MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178
July 1	<i>Boomer Park</i>	Bloomer Rec. Area / Rochester Hills, MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178
July 15	<i>Ruby Campground</i>	Ruby Campground / Ruby, MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178
August 12	<i>Big M</i>	Big M Ski Area / Manistee, MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178
August 26	<i>Fort Custer Stampede</i>	Fort Custer Recreation Area / Battle Creek, MI	Mike Needham (616) 731-4078
September 9	<i>Stoney Creek</i>	Stoney Creek Metropark / Shelby Twp., MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178
September 16	<i>Addison Oaks Spring Classic</i>	Addison Oaks Park / Leonard, MI	Oakland County Parks (248) 858-4647
September 29	<i>Glacier Gorge</i>	Otsego Club / Gaylord, MI	Tailwind Enterprises (248) 634-6178

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2000 Series Standings.

Note that the MMBA web site listing sorted racers by overall points and not their best of seven. Some ranked racers had less than the minimum of five races and there were some tiebreakers — these led to some reshuffling. The shaded racers get awards. Comments should be emailed to: xer68@hotmail.com.

Elite-Men -34

1	FLORES, RANDY	1362
2	YOUmans, HEATH	1251*
3	KOSIK, DALE	1152
4	ARCHER, TOM	950
5	WELLISLEY, BART	813
6	HENDERSHOT, JOREL	734
7	FREIDINGER, TODD	633
8	PARKER, JAMIE	538
9	CARON, BRIAN	69

Asterisks (*) indicates racers who upgraded categories

Expert Men -24

1	MULLEN, TRAVIS	884
2	ECKART, BRIEN	745
3	WEAVER, JEFFERY	656
4	JACKSON, JEFF	338
5	WIERZBA, NICK	141
6	WARD, JESSE	96
7	WHITE, NICHOLAS	30

Elite-Men 35+

1	MEYERS, JOHN	1700
2	NOONAN, RICK	1650
3	HOLLIS, DAVE	1375
4	JURVELIN, DJ	1234
5	WOJTALA, JOHN	1096
6	JAMES, JIM	937
7	SCOTT, TODD	252
8	LUCZYNSKI, DAVE	0

Expert Women - All

1	WILSON, SHELLY	798
2	FARBER, DONNA JO	646
3	DENNELL, DANIELLE	509
4	COLLINS, KAREY	341
5	TALASKI, DIANE	329
6	PEDERSON, LESLI	0

Expert Men 30-34

1	BOWER, SCOTT	895
2	COTTON, ROB	812
3	DUNN, PAUL	767
4	GARDULSKI, MIKE	674
5	STACK, RON	656
6	RITTER, TERRY	620
7	HERSBERGER, TONY	611
8	ZELAZNY, SCOTT	375
9	TOMPKIN, ERIC	359
10	DIFALCO, TIM	336
11	GARLAND, ERIK	322
12	DEANGELIS, GARY	264
13	INOUE, KENTARO	202*
14	SOLIDAY, DAVID	201
15	JACKSON, MARK	139
16	STAMOS, EUTHIE	47
17	KOTWICKI, DAN	41

Expert Men 35-44

1	GODDARD, CHRIS	848
2	RIEGE, KEITH	711
3	ERSPAMER, DARREN	663
4	MARTIN, JAMES A	580
5	STEWART, CALVIN	488
6	CORNELL, DOUG	396
7	BAILEY, PAUL	385
8	GLEESON, JON	378
9	COLLINS, TIM	375
10	QUIST, JACK	355
11	LEHR, PAT	329
12	STEVENS, ERIC	291
13	GILLIAM, MARK	242
14	MCLAREN, SCOTT	197
15	TRIPP, LEWIS	195
16	MARTIN, JAMES P	159
17	SPAULDING, TIM	96
18	ROE, GORDON	30
19	FRANCE, DAN	17
20	HUVER, DENNIS	8
21	LAVALLEY, DAVE	6
22	BRAMLETT, MICHAEL	0

Expert Men 45+

1	FLEMING, ART	791
2	FRANTZ, LEE	784
3	BUKALEW, CHUCK	476
4	WARD, DAVE	435
5	SIBEL, MARK	335
6	CRANE, GERALD	258
7	ALDERSON, RANDY	67
8	PATTON, CLIF	65
9	BOTENS, WILL	58
10	FARNSWORTH, TERRY	0

Sport Men -14

1	BEST, MICHAEL	398
2	BUERMAN, RYAN (<5)	203
3	EARNST, SCOTT (<5)	123
4	KLINE, RYAN	116

Sport Men 15-18

1	FRISBIE, BRIAN	438
2	DUBOIS, TIM	403
3	BEST, DAVID	289
4	DAY, JAMES	207*
5	RYBARZ, DEVIN	135
6	RENNER, SCOTT	131
7	MORDUS, MARK	107
8	RYTLEWSKI, JAKE	105
9	COSTAS, DAVID	84
10	CODY, MICHAEL	68
11	MAGEE, TYLER	45
12	SWIFT, STEVE	19

Sport Men 19-24

1	STIELSTRA, LOREN	394*
2	MCWILLIAMS, AL	392
3	FILIPIAK, CHRISTOPHER	359
4	SKELLENGER, PETE	130
5	HOGLE, RICK	112
6	BYLO, CLINTON	95
7	SHONG, MICHAEL	65
8	POLLUM, CHRIS	25
9	NAGELKIRK, DANIEL	21
10	WARUNEK, ISAAC	18
11	AQUINO, BRAD	13
12	LUDBAN, BLAKE	6

Sport Men 25-29

1	MEIKLE, JEFF	468
2	WOHLSCHLEGLE, JEFF	437
3	JANSEN, DAN (<5)	288
4	STENUEL, CORY	288
5	BARRY, NICK	254
6	QUICK, RYAN	216
7	CASARI, TIM	167
8	STREATHER, GAVIN	165
9	BUCK, BRIAN	161
10	BERNER, MATT	145
11	CHAMBERS, SCOTT	143
12	GAGNER, TODD	120
13	SAUER, MICHAEL	115
14	MAK, YUK	41
15	CHOINIÈRE, ERIC	33
16	JOHNSON, BRAD	20
17	KLINE, RYAN	8
18	KISH, KEVIN	6
19	JOHNSON, SCOTT	0

Sport Men 30-34

1	SUSAN, RICHARD	490
2	MITCHELL, BRYAN	446
3	MALZAHN, ERIC	294
4	SIETING, TODD	273
5	CHENEY, DUSTIN	160
6	SHELLENGUYGER, DAVID	145
7	KLINKMAN, TOM	140
8	WILCOX, GLENN	114
9	FLORY, KEN	112
10	RUSSELL, PATRICK	111
11	GERONIMO, JULIUS	105
12	FERRIGAN, TONY	94
13	MASSERANT, LARRY	62
14	CYPORYN, DOUG	53
15	WAGNER, NEIL	48
16	MAGNUS, BRIAN	38
17	WERNER, ERIC	38
18	MANUEL, JAY	20
19	COLE, BRADLEY	13
20	WILSON, CHARLIE	4
21	PAHL, MARCUS	3
22	WAYNE, CHRIS	1
23	WELSH, TIM	0

Sport Men Singlespeed

1	NEUMANN, RICHARD	456
2	JONES, JAY	358
3	DOUGLAS, SCOT (<5)	226
4	JONES, JASON	195
5	MEYERS, SCOTT	48

Sport Women Singlespeed

1	PLITE, CATHY (<5)	60
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Sport Men 35-44

1	CONNOR, DAVID	498
2	MULLEN, JON	466
3	OSTROWSKI, ARTUR	418
4	WILLIS, SCOTT	242
5	BOWER, GREGG	228
6	GUYNN, JOHN	222
7	MCCLELLAND, KEVIN	207
8	HAYS, CRAIG	165
9	GUYNN, RON	164
10	CLIKEMAN, BILL	160
11	VEGA, ARMANDO	156
12	BEARD, BRIAN	134
13	LINING, TOM	128
14	BOWES, TIM	106
15	BOWMAN, ROBERT	103
16	ZANKE, JIMBO	94
17	ROODVOETS, TIM	91
18	GRASL, TOM	85
19	HOUGABOOM, BILL	76
20	PHILIPSON, STEPHEN	59
21	SULLIVAN, TODD	59
22	LOVETT, RICHARD	53
23	LIVINGSTON, KEVIN	50
24	RIVERA, ED	50
25	SMITH, RON	50
26	MEYERS, SCOTT	47
27	KEANE, VIN	40
28	PLUTA, JAKE	31
29	JEFFERS, DENNIS	25
30	GROSE, TIM	20
31	KAUFFMAN, MIKE	14
32	LANDERS, MARK	4

Sport Men 45-54

1	LINDHOUT, BILL	478
2	JOHNSON, NICK	461
3	WATT, WES	372
4	OWENS, TOM	304
5	NEEDHAM, MIKE	273
6	KOSONOVICH, DAVE	220
7	REDDY, JOE	197
8	FRISBIE, RAY	179
9	MASSEY, DENNIS	167
10	ELDEN, JOSEPH	142
11	SCOVEL, RICH	133
12	SANDBORN, DAN	58
13	SWAIN, CHARLES	28
14	GARLAND, JOHN	23

Sport-Tandem

1	KLINKMAN, TOM	369
2	CLARK, STEVE	278
3	SCURR, ROBIN	252

Sport Men 55+

1	RICE, LAVERN (<5)	206
2	COOK, GARY (<5)	184
3	HASLITT, JERRY (<5)	123
4	VANDECAR, DENNY	113
5	ROBERTSON, CHARLES	64

Sport Men Clydesdale

1	ADAMCIK, JEFF	422
2	ANDERSON, SCOTT	407
3	BARTOS, MIKE	362
4	ROERIG, DAVE	246
5	GOODRICH, MARK	149
6	BELVILLE, SCOTT	112
7	LINKE, MIKE	96
8	DRAWE, PATT	76
9	STEPHENS, JEFF	49
10	SZOT, MICHAEL	35
11	TRUDO JR, RICK	11

Sport Women -29

1	SCHUBEL, SUSAN	422
2	HAMILTON, ALICIA	416
3	HENDERSHOT, CHENOAH	395
4	WALKER, BRIDGET	250

Sport Women 30+

1	ANDERSON, CINDY	432
2	TUCKER, ANDREA	368
3	COX, AMY	339
4	ESKELINEN, KERILIN	337
5	MARTIN, LINDA	294
6	CATALDO, CRISTIN	278
7	SHELLENBERGER, LAUREN	162
8	FENDER, JANET	162
9	SAMSON, JULIE	119
10	KING, KAREN	84
11	JOHNSON, TERRIE	67
12	BENJAMIN, SANDRA	49
13	FERNANDO, DIANA	30
14	JARSKI, LAURIE	15

Sport Women Athena

1	NATYSHAK, NICOLE	120
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Tip your helmets
to Joe Brzuchanski and
Darren Ersamer.

In spite of the mud, they
finished EVERY RACE in
the 2000 series!

Beginner Men -14

1	LINKE, ALEX	226
2	WOOD, TOREY	226
3	SUTTON, TREVOR (<5)	145
4	MURPHY, BRENDEN	99
5	BRENDEN, MURPHY	53
6	HUYGHE, ALEXANDER	29
7	MILLER, TJ	12

Beginner Men 15-18

1	MURPHY, KEVIN	245
2	COLLINS, PARKER	160
3	FRISBIE, ERIK	138
4	HUYGHE, ERIK	26

Beginner Men 19-24

1	HUGHES, CALEB	243
2	VILLEMURE, JEFF (<5)	125
3	KINLEY, JASON	89
4	VERMULLEN, SCOTT	86
5	STEFFEY, ERIC	43
6	THOMAS, BRYAN	37
7	SUZON, GREG	34
8	CHOPE, JAMES	31
9	STOTTER, JUSTIN	28
10	LAVANDER, MICHAEL	8

Beginner Men 25-29

1	ELAM, JEFF	287
2	GRIFFIN, MATT	275
3	DAVIS, JUSTIN	251
4	BOYER, BYRON	180
5	MONTERUSSO, MICHAEL	135
6	DYER, CURTIS	95
7	CLODFELTER, BOB	80
8	FAILLE, CHRISTOPHER	79
9	BLISS, GREGORY	57
10	ZEEB, SCOTT	51
11	LEVELY, TROY	41
12	SCHAMS, JEFF	40
13	HARRIS, JON	20
14	MALINOWSKI, MARK	18

Beginner Men 45+

1	ALDRED, MICHAEL	249
2	MAKI, TOM	169
3	CHISHOLM, DON	102
4	JABLONSKI, GREG	12
5	CLINARD, RAY	0

Beginner-Clydesdale

1	SNYDER, HAROLD	254
2	TRUDO, RICK	247
3	PACHUCKI, KEN (<5)	92
4	WALKER, ROBERT	43
5	SCHROEDER, STEVE	9

What a race for first place!!!

Alex and Torey tied in overall points for first place. The CPS tiebreaker is based on head-to-head competition. These two raced against each other **ten times** throughout the series! For the first half, they alternated victories, but in the end, Alex took the top honors by winning seven of ten. Congratulations to both!

Beginner Men 30-34

1	CIESLAK II, THOMAS J	272
2	WATSON, MICHAEL	246
3	KENNEDY, THOMAS	185
4	WERTH, CHRIS	133
5	ESKELINEN, BRIAN	129
6	BECKWELL, JIM	115
7	GRANT, RON	108
8	BOXRUD, ERIC	106
9	HUG, EDWARD	100
10	RATHS, JOHN	95
11	SIBE, KENNETH	90
12	ROBERTS, MARK	84
13	BALOGH, STEVE	68
14	GILCHRIST, PAUL	56
15	BRENNAN, TODD	6
16	SMITH, HARLAN	4

Beginner Women -14

1	CORBIN, ANGELA	229
2	HENDERSHOT, KETURA	215
3	WOOD, AMBER	193

Beginner Women 15-29

1	STACK, REBECCA	226
2	MOSHER, ERICA	215
3	WILLIAMS, BECKY	189
4	BILLOTTI, RENEE	84
5	GARLAND, PATTY	75
6	LANDON, MELISSA	36

Beginner Women 30+

1	RICH, BEVEN	201
2	FIGURA, PAULA	121
3	USITALO, JULIANNA (<5)	52
4	JOHNSTON, CAROL	43
5	MARTIN, MARY ANN	13

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Because we felt that concessions the MMBA would have to make in accepting the proposal "as is" would not serve our membership, it was defeated. We, the CPS board, feel that some degree of consolidation would improve the quality of the MMBA series and benefit the racers in the state. This desire was conveyed to Brent Walk in hopes he would consider it in the future. We are thankful for the efforts that Brent made to present the proposal and hope to work with his fine organization in the future.

Many new things and ideas are planned for the CPS this year, many of them still in the works. Therefore, I'll leave the membership with this installment, and provide all of you with the future developments in a later edition of the State of the CPS.

2000 Series Standings

Terry Ritter (racerx249@hotmail.com)

Wow, has it really been 5 years? My sixth season, already? Time sure does fly when you're having fun. And, that is what racing is about, right? Now, if this is the case, and you want to grow a concept like MTB racing, then you just figure out what the "fun" is and direct your efforts towards maximizing this entity. But, that does pose some problems, doesn't it? One person's "fun" is another person's agony. So, without losing your core appeal, you should try to be more things to more people. More "fun" to more people. This is the goal of the MMBA's Championship Point Series for the 2001 season.

Hello and let me introduce myself. My name is Terry Ritter and I am the new Championship Point Series director. For any of you that have been around racing long, my introduction is redundant as I have been involved with the scene and the MMBA for a number of years at all levels and have had the privilege of meeting many fine people that I now call friends. With a little insight and a lot of faith I took the challenge and have stepped forward to aid an organization in a way that is near to my heart: RACING!!!

Fun Promotions Proposal

The first order of business was leading the evaluation of a proposal for the 2001 season presented by Brent Walk of Fun Promotions. Things have changed some in recent years for racing in the state. Schedule saturation, competing series, overused sites, and the general decline of MTB sales, have been some of the strongest points contributing to the reduction in racer participation. The CPS Board recognizes the expertise that the Fun Promo crew has, and the thought of a combined series addressing many of the above mentioned short comings left us rather excited. When the CPS board began discussing the proposal I told each chapter rep. to look at each its aspects from the perspective of what the MMBA stood for and what was best for the racing membership and the membership as a whole. I feel each representative kept these ideas forefront in their mind.

Unfortunately, we could not come to terms on a number of issues that we felt were paramount for a quality CPS schedule, the major difficulties being as follows:

The proposed schedule that was offered was to be "endorsed" by the MMBA and not actually a product of the MMBA. For this reason we were limited to the races in the proposal. At the time of the proposal, this did not include any eastern sites, but instead was

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basically the Michigan Cup schedule of the past which is predominately on the West and North side of the state. Since a large portion of our membership was in the Eastern part of Michigan this did not represent these members well.

The proposal given did not require the racer to be part of the MMBA. Therefore, one could win the CPS in their category and not be a member. We felt this was not fair to the members involved or a good association to make, having a winner not be a member.

The proposal did not allow other promoters in the CPS. Therefore we could not have a race like the Glacier Gorge, Yankee Springs, Big M, and Fort Custer in the Series. With the site replication that the proposed series had we felt the exclusion of other promoters prevented the variety that makes our series great.

The Great Debate

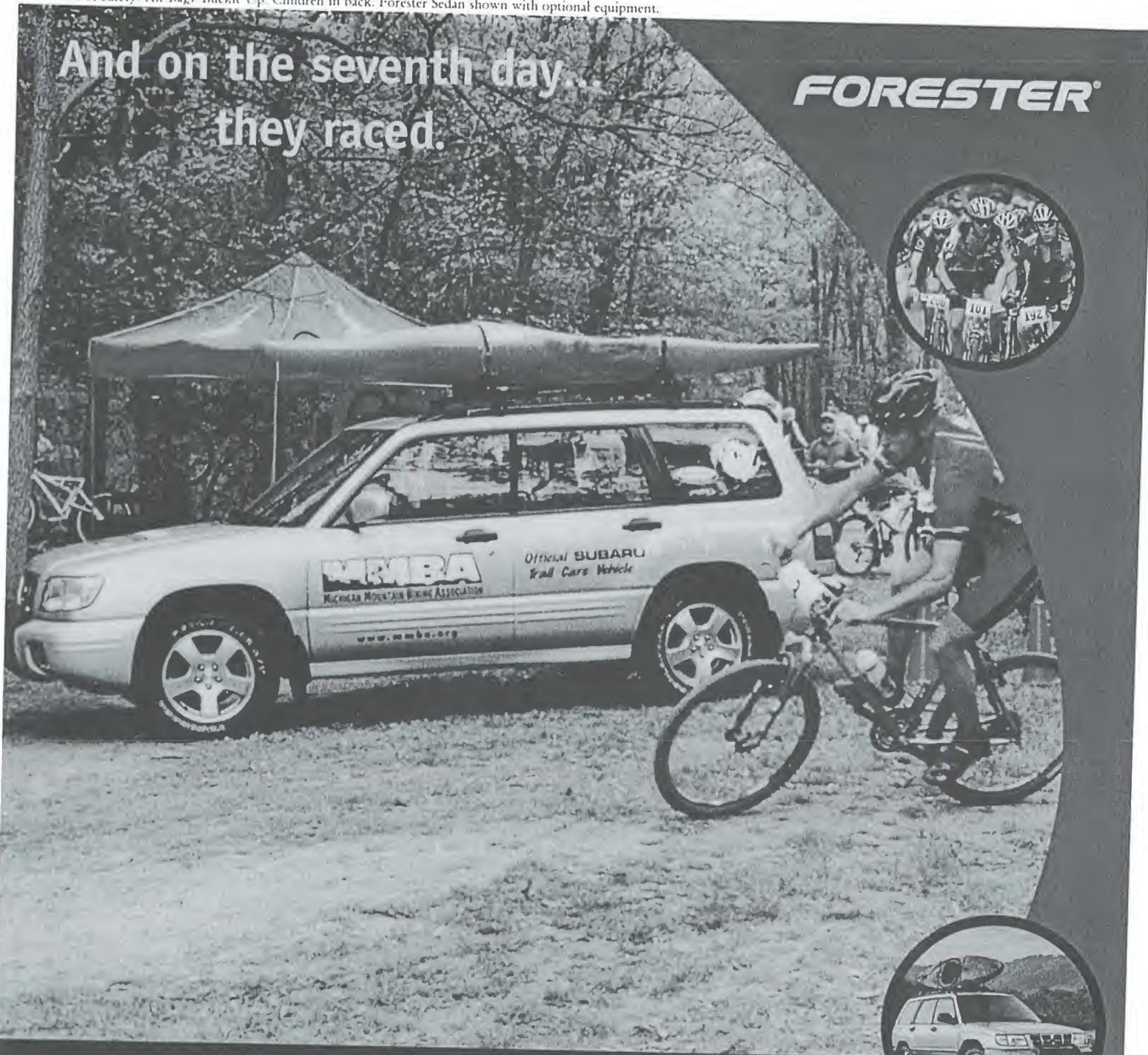
Much debate ensued between the CPS board and Brent regarding these points, with the ultimate hope that we could find a compromise and reduce the number of races while still having the high quality sites and promoters that have been the CPS in recent years. Ultimately, an agreement could not be reached.

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MMBA REFLECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Matt Kowalczyk (MKow1234@aol.com)

We've passed through another year, and even the most discriminating calendar watchers will have to agree that we've entered a new millennium! It's an appropriate time to reflect on memories and accomplishments of the previous year and perhaps make some resolutions for 2001. Some will remember 2000 as the year they won their first race or moved up in the standings. Others will proudly recall the time and energy they devoted to building new trails and helping to maintain existing ones. The IMBA/Subaru Trail Care Crew's 3-day visit to the Pontiac Lake area was particularly exciting. The hard work of a few dedicated individuals also made Dirt Stock 2000 one of the year's most memorable events.

It's great to know that Michigan is one of the best states in which to be a mountain biker, but this is due mostly to the hard work of only a few hundred individuals. If we could get every member of the MMBA to be a bit proactive, we could accomplish even more! Here then, are a few bike-related New Year's resolutions for your consideration:

Commute - Commit yourself to using your bike on occasion for short commutes to work, school, the library, and the grocery store (when you only need a few items.) Who knows? The sight of you riding your bike down the street might be just the thing to persuade another driver to grab their bike (or buy a new one) and do the same thing!

Teach - Get together with a few parents to conduct a bike clinic in your neighborhood. Inspect the neighborhood kids' bikes for safety. If you are into the racing scene, offer the kids a few riding tips. You could inspire tomorrow's racing legends!

Participate - resolve to contribute at least 10-hours of your time to trail maintenance projects. Even better, show up for a trail maintenance project on a trail outside of your local riding area (This can be very helpful on lesser-used trails in

more rural locations, and will be greatly appreciated by the local riders). Develop contacts with others on the project and then invite them to YOUR area for your next local trail project!

Recycle - Consider donating some of those old parts from the bottom of your parts bin. A forgotten old derailleur or crank set may not be much to you, but it could be a major upgrade for some youngster's bike!

Recruit - Take a friend for an off-road ride to show them how much fun mountain biking can be (Go easy on them until they develop more finesse on the dirt trails!) If you want to be REALLY insidious, give a relative a membership subscription to the MMBA!

With a bit more involvement from those on the sidelines, 2001 can be an even better year for mountain biking experiences in Michigan!

Ride with Frankie

Todd Scott (tscott@luckyfish.com)

We rode with Dearborn's own Frankie Andreu, a nine-time finisher of the Tour de France and a top U.S. road professional.

The ride was just before the first cyclocross race at Bloomer Park. T.J. Hill led our big group on a short tour of Rochester region. The pace was a little faster than we wanted, but it kept everyone warm in the chilly weather. Frankie climbed Dutton Hill like it was the Paint Creek Trail. At the end, we gave Frankie some Big Ring Ales and an MMBA "T" for his troubles.



MMBA Volunteer Awards & Stats

Chapter Volunteers of the Year

Mid-Michigan Harv Seely

Northeast Randy Wallace

Potawatomi Bernie Smith

Southeast Paul Bailey

Western Janet Carboneau Jones

Number of trail hours worked at Burchfield

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Dan Harrison 102



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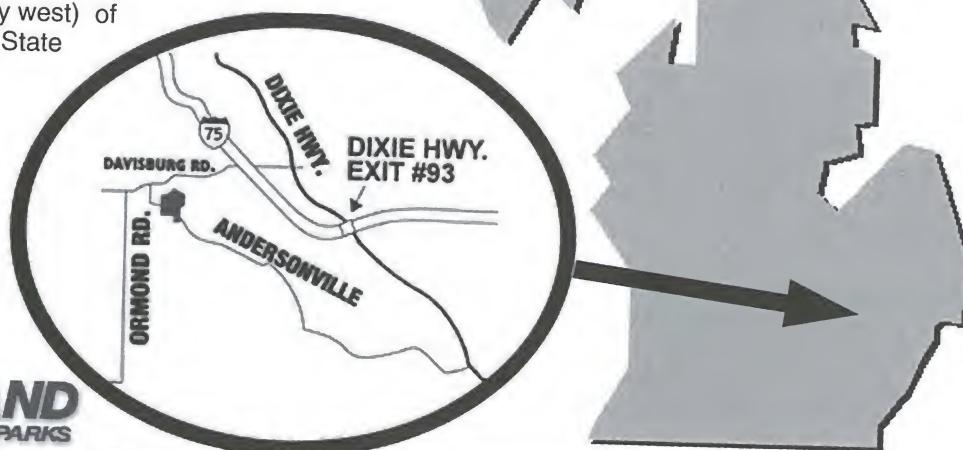
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9 AM Winter ride with Zap at Pontiac Lake

10 AM Bike and Parts Swap opens at Springfield

11 AM Annual Meeting Shifts into high gear

1 PM Patagonia Volunteer & Festina CPS Awards

4 PM Rock Shox Raffle

This is it. The big annual pow wow where we recognize the volunteers and champions of 2000 and plan our challenges for 2001.

You don't have to be a member to get in, however this is a great time to renew.

The day starts at Pontiac Lake where we'll introduce **Zapata Espinosa**, the editor of **Mountain Biking** magazine to a Michigan snow ride.

At 10 the doors open at Springfield Oaks with the bike and parts swap. MMBA members can display and sell their stuff. This is a great time to snag some deals.

The Expo starts at 11. Tailwind will have roller races, so bring your bike shoes and shorts and sign up.

At 1 we'll start the meeting by handing the microphone to Zap, if he's thawed out yet. Next, we'll give out the Patagonia volunteer schwag and the awards for the top-three racers in each Champion Point Series cat.

We plan on wrapping up by 4 with a raffle for many valuable prizes including numerous Rock Shox forks!

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Holly/Flint Chapter Chatter

Rick Jerrell (rjerrell@tir.com, (248) 634-7691)

With winter here, the Holdridge Lakes trails are finally solid! I hope each Chapter Member had a good riding season as we look forward to the New Year.

I'd like to remind you, the membership, of this year's Annual Meeting in Feb. and that we are looking for volunteers for help with set-up and to man booths. If you'd like to help, feel free to give me a call.

Congratulation to Brad Esbaugh for being selected as this year's "Holly\Flint Volunteer of the Year." Brad has been involved in trail workdays, as a Chapter Board Member and as our 2000 Mt. Kid's Coordinator. Brad, thanks for all your efforts in 2000.

I'd also like to present the Chapter Members who will be receiving FAFL Awards. These members tallied ten or more volunteer hours for the Chapter and Holdridge Lakes. Brad Esbaugh, Dave Stewart, Bob Climie, Shawn Hamilton, Dave Lidgey, Ryan Jerrell, Mark Weingartz, Brian Moe, Tom Andras, Chris Andras, Tommy Andras, Andy Esbaugh, Lynn Thompson, Chris Weingartz, Mark Shipman, Mary Ann Martin, Jeff Feldmeyer, Bob Bingham, Chuck Buckalew, Jane Hale, Ken Foss, Dave Adamson, Amy Costello and Kirk Costello. To each volunteer I thank-you and Holdridge Lakes thanks, you. You are the MMBA!

Please send me your E-Mail Address to be placed on the Chapter List.

At this time I'd like to present your new Chapter Board: President-Rick Jerrell, V.P.-Brad Esbaugh, Treasurer-Mark Shipman, Secretary-Terri Berta, Trail Coordinators-Bob Climie and Mark Weingartz, Competition Coordinator-Don Jurvelin, Event Coordinator- Dave Stewart, Chapter Historian-Jane Hale, Adopt-a-Road Contact- Shawn Hamilton and Web Master Mary Ann Martin. If you have any questions feel free to contact me!

Rick Jerrell

Southwest Chapter

Mike Needham (mneedham@mail.tds.net)

By now, you've grown comfortable with the cold-weather season: the ritual of eating turkey is a far-off memory; a ten point buck is hiding in your freezer, wrapped in white paper. Christmas presents have been opened and/or returned. Hopefully, you got something you can use on the trails come spring. SPRING!!! You overweight hippo! You're not a bear. You can't hibernate! Get off your duff, lazy bones! You've got to be in shape for the trail work parties next year.

We still make an effort to meet and do something outdoors every Thursday night at 6:30. If snow conditions won't allow cycling, we cross-country ski or snow shoe. Winter happenings at the Fort include Cathy's New Year's Day Ride at 10:00, and in mid-January there is a dog sled race. One of the events in the dog sled race weekend is something you might enter yourself: It is Skijoring! All you need is a large dog, a hunk of rope, and two skis. Oh! And a good sense of humor.

On a newsworthy note, other trail users groups have begun planning a Friends of Fort Custer meeting. I'll post information on our web page as it comes in. Exciting news from Battle Creek. My other brother Daryl and I have been contacted about the possibility of developing challenging mountain bike trails on a 160-acre wooded site. It includes two small lakes chock full of large dumb pan fish. I canoed into these lakes years ago when the land was still private. This place rocks! You could say it's wilderness. Wish us luck!

February. Used to be, the MMBA would hold an awards banquet every year, mostly for the purpose of race series awards. Each year this meeting becomes more and more a celebration of trail users. This year that trend should continue. But now more than ever, your participation is desired. It is a very long day, including travel. We all know that. It is entertaining though, and you won't miss much on TV. Come join us! We need to hear from you!

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